Classes A and B



## ANNUAL REPORT

OF

Name: NIAGARA TELEPHONE COMPANY

Principal Office: 1133 MAIN ST

P.O. BOX 3

NIAGARA, WI 54151-0003

For the Year Ended: DECEMBER 31, 1999

# TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITY TO PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

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Year ended: December 31,1999

## **SIGNATURE PAGE**

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	NIAGARA TELEPHONE CO	MPANY	, certify that I
	(Utility Name)		
knowledge, informat	onsible for accounts; that I have exion and belief, it is a correct stater in respect to each and ev	nent of the business and affairs	
;	SYDNEY R PETERSON	03/31/2000	
(Pers	son responsible for accounts)	(Date)	
	PRESIDENT		
	(Title)		

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## ANNUAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS REPORT GLOSSARY OF TERMS

**Access Line** Central office line equipment, or equivalent, and all outside plant facilities, or equivalent,

> required to connect the serving central office with the customer premises via physical connection, frequency transmission, and/or time slot transmission. From an engineering perspective, a channel connection is at a DS0 level. A DS0 level is a 4 KHz voice channel or a

64 kilobits per second digital channel.

**Analog Signal** A signal that varies in a continuous manner such as voice or music. An analog signal must be

contrasted with a digital signal which can assume only discrete values.

A high capacity land mobile radio system in which an assigned frequency spectrum is divided Cellular System

into discrete channels that are assigned to a cellular geographic serving area.

**Central Office** A switching unit in a telephone system providing service to the general public, having the

necessary equipment and operating arrangements for terminating and interconnecting lines

and trunks.

Centrex A service for customers with many stations that permits station-to-station dialing, one listed

> directory number for the customer, direct inward dialing to a particular station and station identification on outgoing calls. The switching functions are performed in a central office

(stand alone, host or remote).

Channel An electrical communications path between two or more points. A single pair of wires may

provide more than one channel. A channel may also be provided by microwave.

A person who uses a telephone as a subscriber. Customer

**Digital Signal** A signal that has a limited number of discrete states. This may be contrasted with an analog

signal that varies in a continuous manner and may have an infinite number of states.

**Equal Access** The ability of the subscriber to use any long distance service by dialing the same number of

digits.

**Exchange** A defined area served by one or more central offices regardless of technical serving

> arrangements within which the company furnishes service at rates and rules prescribed for that area in the company's filed tariffs. The area is not necessarily marked by political

boundaries or the location of host or remote switching units.

**Extended Area** The ability of a customer to call customers in other exchanges at no additional charge or at an

additional charge per tariff. Service (EAS)

The ability of a customer to call customers in other exchanges at rates usually above EAS Community rates but below toll rates for comparable distances. Rates generally include a duration

Calling (ECC) element.

**Feature Group A** Line-side originating and terminating LATA access for which an originating subscriber dials an

> assigned telephone number that connects to a specific interexchange carrier (IC). The IC returns a tone to signal the caller to input additional generated digits of the called number.

**Extended** 

#### ANNUAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS REPORT GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Feature Group B Trunk-side originating and terminating LATA access for which an originating subscriber dials a

950-WXXX number (where W=0, 1 and XXX is the carrier access code (CAC)), which is translated to a specific XXX carrier trunk group. Optional rotary dial service and ANI may be

available.

Feature Group C Trunk-side LATA access for AT&T-Communications generally on a direct

basis between each end office (EO) and an AT&T-C switching system.

Feature Group D Also referred to as equal access. It is trunk-side LATA access affording call supervision of an

interexchange carrier, a uniform access code (10XXXXX), optional calling party identification,

recording of access-charge billing details and presubscription to a customer specified

interexchange carrier.

**FX-IN** A nonswitched service where the customer of the company is connected to and receives

switching service through central office equipment located in another exchange area.

**FX-OUT** A switched service where facilities are provided from the central office out to the exchange

boundary where it meets the line from a foreign exchange subscriber.

Host Switching System A switching system that provides centralized control over most of the switching functions of one or more remote switching units. The host switching system usually provides trunk access

to the operating company intraLATA networks.

Local Access Transport Area (LATA) A geographic area within which an operating company may offer its telecommunications

services.

Mobile Telephone A service which provides radio telephone communication from a mobile vehicle to another

vehicle or to a regular telephone.

Paging A service which provides one-way signal or voice communication over a radio channel to a

miniature receiver carried by the customer.

Pair Two wires of a single circuit.

**Pay Station** A telephone which normally requires all users to deposit one or more coins or use a

credit card to complete a call.

Private Line

Service distrib

Channel or circuit rented for private use and not intended to be connected to the general

distribution system.

Private Branch Exchange (PBX) A manually, or operator controlled switching system, usually on the customer's premises,

which serves that customer's telephones over a common group of lines from the central office.

Radio Common Carrier (RCC)

A company which furnishes public telecommunications service using one or more radio

channels.

Remote Switching An electronic switching system that is remote from its host or control office. All of the central

**Unit (RSU)** control equipment for the RSU is located in the host switching system.

#### ANNUAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS REPORT GLOSSARY OF TERMS

#### **Route Miles**

Year ended: December 31,1999

Total number of route miles (to the nearest mile) of operating plant facilities including drop wire in the exchange. One route mile may consist of:

- 1. One mile of roadway with any combination of outside plant facilities on any number of rights-of-way.
- 2. One mile of a cross country route with any combination of outside plant facilities.
- 3. One mile of point-to-point microwave or radio link.
- 4. One mile of plant on either side of a limited access highway or natural barrier, such as a navigable waterway.
- One mile of joint use line where the utility either owns the facility or leases space.

## Stand Alone Switch

A central office switch which has no remote switching units (RSUs) subtending it.

#### Trunk

A communications path connecting two switching systems in the establishment of an end-to-end connection.

## Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS)

Customer leased access line or lines connected to the nationwide network over which an unlimited number of calls can be made for a fixed monthly charge.

#### Wire Center

The location of one or more local switching systems. A point at which customers' loops converge.

## ABBREVIATIONS USED IN ANNUAL REPORTS

Acct	 Account
Accum	 Accumulated
Acq	 Acquisition
Admin	 Administrative
Alloc	 Allocation
Amort	 Amortization

CO ..... Central Office

**Depr** ..... Depreciation

EquipEquipmentExpExpensesEOYEnd of Year

FOY ..... First of Year

Info ..... Information

ITC ..... Investment Tax Credit

Misc ..... Miscellaneous

**Nonreg** ...... Nonoperating Nonreg ..... Nonregulated

OperOperatingOpnsOperationsOrigOriginating

Prop ..... Property

ReceivReceivableRegRegulatedRevRevenues

Svcs ..... Services

**Telecom** ...... Telecommunications

Term ..... Terminating

TPIS ..... Telecommunications Plant in Service

TPUC ..... Telecommunications Plant Under Construction

Uncoll Uncollectible

#### Year ended: December 31,1999

## **IDENTIFICATION AND OWNERSHIP**

Exact Utility Name: NIAGARA TELEPHONE COMPANY

**Utility Location:** 1133 MAIN ST P.O. BOX 3

NIAGARA, WI 54151-0003

**Utility Web Site Address:** 

When was utility organized?: 05/01/1941

Report any change in name and the effective date:

#### Officer in charge of correspondence concerning this report

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Title: PRESIDENT & MANAGER

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#### **IDENTIFICATION AND OWNERSHIP**

List names, addresses, and number of shares held by persons owning 5 percent or more of outstanding voting securities. If any stock is held by a nominee, give known particulars as to the beneficial owner (See Wis. Stat. § 196.795(1)(c), for definition of beneficial owner).

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Number of Shares Held: 522

Beneficial Owner: NONE

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Address: PO BOX 668

HECTOR, MN 55342

Number of Shares Held: 522

Beneficial Owner: NONE

Name: NANCY L. PETERSON

Address: 1100 BRUNING STREET

NIAGARA, WI 54151

Number of Shares Held: 262

Beneficial Owner: NONE

Name: SYDNEY R. PETERSON

Address: 1100 BRUNING STREET

NIAGARA, WI 54151

Number of Shares Held: 1,500

Beneficial Owner: NONE

List companies owned, controlled, or operated and form and extent of such ownership, control or operation.

Company Name: BORDERLAND COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

Form of Interest: OWNED Extent Of Interest: 100%

## **INCOME STATEMENT - TOTAL COMPANY**

Particulars (a)	This Year (b)	Last Year (c)	
Operating Revenues (5000-5300)	3,407,657	2,834,165	1
Operating Expenses			
Plant Specific Operations Expense (6110-6410)	401,920	470,775	2
Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense	951,640	788,308	3
Customer Operations Expense (6610-6620)	350,947	326,568	4
Corporate Operations Expense (6710-6790)	560,493	475,135	5
Other Operating Income and Expense (7100)	11,740	3,411	6
Operating Taxes (7200)	492,748	320,730	7
Total Operating Expenses	2,746,008	2,378,105	8
Net Operating Income	661,649	456,060	9
Other Income			
Nonoperating Income and Expense (7300)	478,210	391,943	10
Nonoperating Taxes (7400)	173,677	150,283	11
Interest and Related Items (7500)	174,424	183,264	12
Extraordinary Items (7600)	0	0	13
Nonregulated Net Income (7990)	35,999	25,882	14
Total Nonoperating Income	166,108	84,278	15
Net Income	827,757	540,338	16

#### NOTES TO INCOME STATEMENT OR BALANCE SHEET

In the space provided below, disclose all material information not included elsewhere in this report that is necessary to make the financial statements clear and understandable. Included should be:

1. A summary of significant accounting policies. (The summaries should disclose, but not be limited to, the utility's accounting policies with regard to pension cost, unbilled revenues, depreciation, and income taxes.)

The accounting policies of the Company conform to generally accepted accounting principles. Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing its financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Telephone operations reflect practices appropriate to the telephone industry. The accounting records of the company are maintained in accordance with Uniform System of Accounts for Class A and B Telephone Companies prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission as modified by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW).

#### A. Property and Equipment

Telephone plant is capitalized at original cost, including the capitalized cost of salaries and wages, materials, certain payroll taxes, and employee benefits.

The Company provides for depreciation for financial reporting purposes on the straight-line method by the application of rates, based on the estimated service lives of the various classes of depreciable property.

Renewals and betterments of units of property are charged to telephone plant in service. When telephone plant is retired, its cost is removed from the asset account and charged against accumulated depreciation, together with removal cost less any salvage realized. No gains or losses are recognized in connection with routine retirements of depreciable property. Repairs and renewals of minor items of property are included in plant specific operations expense.

#### B. Income taxes

Income taxes are accounted for using a liability method and provide for the tax effects of transactions reported in the financial statements including both taxes currently due and deferred. Deferred taxes are adjusted to reflect deferred tax consequences at current enacted tax rates. Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. Significant components of the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities include the difference between carrying amounts of depreciable assets and partnership investment basis. The deferred tax assets and liabilities represent the future tax return consequences of those differences, which will either be taxable or deductible when the assets and liabilities are recovered or settled.

Investment tax credits (ITC) which were deferred prior to the Tax Reform Act of 1986 are being amortized over the regulatory life of the plant which produced the ITC

#### NOTES TO INCOME STATEMENT OR BALANCE SHEET

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#### C. Revenue Recognition

Revenues are recognized when earned regardless of the period in which they are billed.

Revenues relating to the provision of access services to customers are derived, in part, from tariffed access charges to toll service providers (interexchange carriers), and in part from sharing in interstate and intrastate pools. Interstate revenues are determined in accordance with cost separation procedures.

The Company is compensated for intrastate access under access charge procedures based on expense and plant investment levels, as determined by the Company and approved by the PSCW.

#### D. Cash Equivalents

All highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of one year or less are considered cash equivalents.

#### E. Investments

Non-marketable equity investments and temporary investments are stated at cost. Non-marketable investments over which the Company has significant influence or a 20% investment are reflected on the equity method. The Company has interests in the Wisconsin RSA #3 and #4 cellular partnerships. These partnerships were formed to provide mobile cellular radio telecommunications services.

2. A summary of significant contingent assets and liabilities existing at year end, including a brief explanation of any action initiated by the Internal Revenue Service, Wisconsin Department of Revenue, or the utility involving a possible assessment or refund of taxes.

None

3. The notes should include an explicit and precise explanation of any retained earnings restrictions and should state the amount of retained earnings affected by such restrictions.

The mortgage to the United States of America, underlying the RUS notes, contains certain restrictions on the declaration of payment of cash dividends, redemption of capital stock, or investment in affiliated companies. As of December 31, 1999, the maximum amount which could be distributed in accordance with these restrictions was \$2,306,582, except as might be specifically authorized in writing in advance by the RUS noteholders.

## BALANCE SHEET - ASSETS (CLASS B USE ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED BY \*)

Particulars (a)	BalanceEOY (b)	BalanceFOY (c)	_
CURRENT ASSETS			
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS	207.002	470.007	_
Cash and Equivalents (1120)*	307,993	472,627	1
Cash (1130)			_ 2
Special Cash Deposits (1140)			3
Working Cash Advances (1150)			_ 4
Temporary Investments (1160)  TOTAL CASH AND EQUIVALENTS	207.002	470 607	5
	307,993	472,627	_
RECEIVABLES AND ALLOWANCES FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUT Telecommunications Accounts Receivable (1180)*	180,372	171,234	6
Accounts Receivable Allowance-Telecom (1181)*	180,372	171,234	_
Net: Telecommunications Accounts Receivable	180,372	171,234	•
Other Accounts Receivable (1190)*	691,661	298,104	8
Accounts Receivable AllowanceOther (1191)*	0	0	9
Net: Other Accounts Receivable	691,661	298,104	
Notes Receivable (1200)*	0	. 0	_ 10
Notes Receivable Allowance (1201)*	0	0	11
Net: Notes Receivable	0	0	
Interest and Dividends Receivable (1210)*	0	0	_ 12
TOTAL REC AND ALLOW FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS	872,033	469,338	_
SUPPLIES			
Inventories (1220)*	103,044	99,676	13
TOTAL SUPPLIES	103,044	99,676	_
PREPAYMENTS		47.000	
Total Prepayments (1280)*	717	47,822	_14
Prepaid Rents (1290)			15
Prepaid Taxes (1300)			_16
Prepaid Insurance (1310)			17
Prepaid Directory Expenses (1320)			_18
Other Prepayments (1330)	747	47.000	19
TOTAL PREPAYMENTS	717	47,822	_
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS Other Current Assets (1350)*	22.420	26 272	20
	22,439	36,372	_ 20
TOTAL OTHER CURRENT ASSETS TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	22,439 1,306,226	36,372	_
NONCURRENT ASSETS	1,300,220	1,125,835	_
INVESTMENTS			
Investment in Affiliated Companies (1401)*	138,793	119,286	21
RTB Class B Stock (1402)*	. 30,1 00	,	22
Other Investments in Nonaffiliated Companies (1402)*	2,390,170	2,051,034	_ <del></del> 23
Nonregulated Investments (1406)*	36,664	26,084	24
Unamortized Debt Issuance Expense (1407)*	2,189	2,781	_ <u>_ 2</u> 5
Sinking Funds (1408)*	0	0	26
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## BALANCE SHEET - ASSETS (CLASS B USE ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED BY \*)

Particulars (a)	BalanceEOY (b)	BalanceFOY (c)	
NONCURRENT ASSETS			_
INVESTMENTS	_	_	
Other Noncurrent Assets (1410)*	0	0	27
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	2,567,816	2,199,185	_
DEFERRED CHARGES			
Deferred Tax Regulatory Asset (1437)*	(13,131)	(8,754)	_ 28
Deferred Maintenance and Retirements (1438)*	0	0	29
Deferred Charges (1439)*	0	3,000	_ 30
TOTAL DEFERRED CHARGES	(13,131)	(5,754)	_
TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS	2,554,685	2,193,431	_
PLANT			
TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANT IN SERVICE			
Telecommunications Plant in Service (2001)*	10,905,756	10,250,043	31
Less: Accumulated Depreciation (3100)*	5,899,601	5,006,012	_ 32
Less: Accumulated AmortizationCapitalized Leases (3410)*	0	0	33
Less: Accumulated AmortizationLeasehold Improvements (3420)*	0	0	34
Less: Accumulated AmortizationIntangible (3500)*	0	0	35
NET TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANT IN SERVICE	5,006,155	5,244,031	_
PROPERTY HELD FOR FUTURE USE			_
Prop. Held for Future Telecommun. Use (2002)*	0	0	_ 36
Less: Accumulated DepreciationHeld for Future	0	0	37
Telecommunications Use (3200)*  NET PROPERTY HELD FOR FUTURE USE	0	0	
NONOPERATING PLANT			_
Nonoperating Plant (2006)*	21,457	21,457	38
Less: Accumulated DepreciationNonoperating (3300)*	8,591	7,763	39
NET NONOPERATING PLANT	12,866	13,694	
TPUC			_
TPUC (2003)*	0	0	40
TOTAL TPUC	0	0	_
TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANT ADJUSTMENT			_
Telecommunications Plant Adjustment (2005)*	0	0	41
Less: Accumulated AmortizationOther (3600)*	0	0	_ 42
NET TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANT ADJUSTMENT	0	0	_
TOTAL PLANT	5,019,021	5,257,725	_
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	8,879,932	8,576,991	_

## BALANCE SHEET - LIABILITIES (CLASS B USE ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED BY \*)

Particulars (a)	BalanceEOY (b)	BalanceFOY (c)	
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable (4010)*	306,990	367,208	1
Notes Payable (4020)*	0	0	_ 2
Advance Billing and Payments (4030)*	29,600	23,200	3
Customer Deposits (4040)*	7,020	7,028	_ 4
Current MaturitiesLong-Term Debt (4050)*	429,700	482,300	5
Current MaturitiesCapital Leases (4060)*	0	0	_ 6
Income TaxesAccrued (4070)*	135,782	(96,966)	7
Other TaxesAccrued (4080)*	387	0	_ 8
Net Current Deferred Operating Income Taxes (4100)*	0	0	9
Net Current Deferred Nonoperating Income Taxes (4110)*	0	0	10
Other Accrued Liabilities (4120)*	96,565	94,119	_ 11
Other Current Liabilities (4130)*			12
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,006,044	876,889	_
LONG-TERM DEBT			
Funded Debt (4210)*	2,548,070	2,977,847	13
Premium on Long-Term Debt (4220)*	0	0	14
Discount on Long-Term Debt (4230)*	0	0	 15
Reacquired Debt (4240)*	0	0	16
Obligations Under Capital Leases (4250)*	0	0	 17
Advances from Affiliated Companies (4260)*	0	0	18
Other Long-Term Debt (4270)*	0	0	 19
TOTAL LONG-TERM DEBT	2,548,070	2,977,847	
OTHER LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED CREDITS			_
Other Long-Term Liabilities (4310)*	95,703	69,891	20
Unamortized Operating ITCNet (4320)*	26,802	53,603	 21
Unamortized Nonoperating ITCNet (4330)*	0	0	22
Net Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes (4340)*	226,582	222,754	23
Net Deferred Tax Liability Adjustments (4341)*	(24,277)	(40,342)	24
Net Noncurrent Deferred Nonoperating Income Taxes (4350)*	(83,034)	(42,047)	 25
Other Deferred Credits (4360)*	38,286	47,857	26
Deferred Tax Regulatory Liability (4361)*	21,977	40,517	 27
TOTAL OTHER LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED CREDITS	302,039	352,233	_
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Capital Stock (4510)*	348,000	348,000	28
Additional Paid-in Capital (4520)*	0	0	 29
Treasury Stock (4530)*	0	0	30
Other Capital (4540)*	0	0	 31
Retained Earnings (4550)*	4,675,779	4,022,022	32
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	5,023,779	4,370,022	_
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OTHER CREDITS	8,879,932	8,576,991	_

## **IMPORTANT CHANGES DURING THE YEAR**

1. Estimated increase or decrease in annual revenues due to important rate changes, giving bases of estimates.

#### None

2. Additional matters of fact (not elsewhere provided for) which respondent may desire to include in its report.

During 1999, the Company adopted the AICPA, Accounting Standards Executive Committee, Statement of Position 98-1.

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#### Year ended: December 31,1999

## **AFFILIATE ABBREVIATIONS**

In column (b) provide the abbreviation for the name of the affiliate shown in column (a). Limit abbreviations to 10 characters or less. Use these abbreviations when completing the affiliated interest schedules. Insert "Other" in the Abbreviations column if the activity to be reported for a particular record in the Affiliated Interest Transactions or Affiliated Assets and Liabilities schedule represents an aggregation of activity not exceeding the dollar or percentage limits set forth in the header of that schedule.

Name of Affiliate	Abbreviations	
(a)	(b)	
Borderland Communications, LLC	BDLD	1
Computer Systems Limited Liability Corporation	CSLLC	2
Interstate Telcom Consulting Inc	ITCI	3

## **AFFILIATED INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

Provide a summary of transactions under established affiliated interest contracts and arrangements (see Wis. Stat. § 196.52, for "affiliated interest" definitions). Use the space below to report transactions with individual affiliates and multiple affiliated interest agreements or, at the utility's option, with individual affiliates and a single agreement. Activity associated with affiliated contracts or arrangements not in excess of \$25,000 or 5 percent of the equity of the utility, whichever is smaller, may be aggregated in a single record. For utilities whose intrastate gross operating revenues of the previous year exceeded \$100,000,000, individual contracts or arrangements not exceeding \$100,000 may be aggregated in a single record. Where an affiliate is both providing and receiving service use one record to show billings to and a second record for billings from. When billings to or from an affiliate are recorded on the books of the utility, the records underlying such billings shall be sufficient to show all the detail maintained to identify the associated accounts related to the billing.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	
Docket	4160AT000100	4160AT000101			
Name of Affiliate	CSLLC	ITCI			1
Designate whether billed to or from:	FROM	FROM			2
Cost Based (C), Market Price (M), Prevailing Price (P), Tariff (T), Other (O)	M	М			3
Total Dollar Activity	101,399	71,062			4
Percent of affiliate's business billed to all affiliated regulated utilities	61.86	3.74			— 5
If cost based, rate of return on equity or markup incorporated in billings					6

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## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANT IN SERVICE CLASS A & B**

Plant Account (a)	Account (b)	Balance FOY (c)	Additions (d)	
GENERAL SUPPORT ASSETS	(*)	(-)	(-)	<del></del>
Land	2111	88,167		1
Motor Vehicles	2112	271,971		2
Aircraft	2113	0		
Special Purpose Vehicles	2114	0		4
Garage Work Equipment	2115	0		 5
Other Work Equipment	2116	141,465	66,460	6
Buildings	2121	850,926	2,007	7
Furniture	2122	13,484		8
Office Equipment	2123	7,457	0	9
General Purpose Computers	2124	60,275	8,108	10
TOTALGENERAL SUPPORT ASSETS:		1,433,745	76,575	_
CENTRAL OFFICE ASSETS				
Analog Electronic Switching	2211	0		11
Digital Electronic Switching	2212	2,371,350	195,997	12 A,M
Electro-Mechanical Switching	2215	0	0	13
Operator Systems	2220	0		14
Radio Systems	2231	0	0	15
Circuit Equipment	2232	876,581	53,505	16 N
TOTALCENTRAL OFFICE ASSETS:		3,247,931	249,502	
INFORMATION ORIGINATION/TERMINATION ASSE				
Station Apparatus	2311	0		17
Customer Premises Wiring	2321	0		18
Large Private Branch Exchanges	2341	0		19
Public Telephone Terminal Equipment	2351	0		20
Other Terminal Equipment	2362	0		21
TOTALINFORMATION ORIG/TERM ASSETS: CABLE WIRE FACILITIES ASSETS		0	0	
Poles	2411	90,902	3,391	<b>22</b> C
Aerial Cable	2421	380,660	115	23 C
Underground Cable	2422	415,955	0	24 C
Buried Cable	2423	3,947,632	207,119	<b>25</b> C
Submarine Cable	2424	0	0	26
Deep Sea Cable	2425	0		27
Intrabuilding Network Cable	2426	0	0	28
Aerial Wire	2431	5,757	24	<b>29</b> 0
Conduit Systems	2441	727,461	43,171	<b>30</b> o
TOTALCABLE WIRE FACILITIES ASSETS: AMORTIZABLE ASSETS		5,568,367	253,820	
Capital Leases	2681	0		31

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANT IN SERVICE CLASS A & B (cont.)

	Balance EOY (h)	Transfers / Adjustments (g)	Retirements (f)	Account (e)
1	88,167			2111
2	271,971			2111
2 3	0			2112
4	0			2114
<sub>5</sub>	0			2115
6	157,148		50,777	2116
— <sub>7</sub>	852,265		668	2121
8	13,484		000	2122
9	7,457	0	0	2123
10	68,383	-	-	2124
_	1,458,875	0	51,445	
11	0			2211
12 A,M	2,341,746	(178,729)	46,872	2212
13	0	0	0	2215
14	0			2220
 15	0	0	0	2231
16 N	1,289,386	549,765	190,465	2232
	3,631,132	371,036	237,337	
17	0			2311
18	0			2321
19	0			2341
20	0			2351
21	0			2362
	0	0	0	
<b>22</b> C	90,370	(3,156)	767	2411
<b>23</b> C	372,140	(8,377)	258	2421
24 C	421,426	5,657	186	2422
<b>25</b> C	4,167,267	17,743	5,227	2423
26	0	0	0	2424
27	0			2425
28	0	0	0	2426
<b>29</b> o	5,685	(96)		2431
<b>30</b> o	758,861	(11,771)		2441
	5,815,749	0	6,438	
31	0			2681

## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANT IN SERVICE CLASS A & B**

		Balance		
Plant Account	Account	FOY	Additions	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
AMORTIZABLE ASSETS				
Leasehold Improvements	2682	0		32
Intangibles	2690	0		33
TOTALAMORTIZABLE ASSETS:		0	0	
TOTAL TELECOM. PLANT IN SERVICE	2001	10,250,043	579,897	
Less: Allocation to Nonregulated Activity - EOY	2001			34
NET REG. TOTAL TELE. PLANT IN SERV EOY	2001			

Explain all amounts shown in column (g).

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANT IN SERVICE CLASS A & B (cont.)

	Balance EOY (h)	Transfers / Adjustments (g)	Retirements (f)	Account (e)
32	0			2682
33	0			2690
	0	0	0	
	10,905,756	371,036	295,220	
34	0			2001
	10,905,756			

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANT IN SERVICE CLASS A & B (SUB-CLASS ACCOUNTS)

Report telecommunications plant data for each subaccount where primary plant accounts have subclassifications. Amounts pertaining to subaccount 2212.4, Test Equipment, should be reported in account 2212.2, Digital Switching - Central Office; amounts for subaccounts 2231.3, Microwave, 2231.4, Cellular, 2231.5, Mobile Radio, and 2231.6, Paging, should be included in 2231.2, Other Radio Facilities; amounts pertaining to subaccounts 2232.4, Digital Data Services, 2232.5, Digital Circuit - Subscriber, 2232.6, Digital Circuit - Trunk - Toll, and 2232.7, Concentrators, should be reported in 2232.1, Digital Circuit Equipment. Any other separate accounting for telephone plant at an individual telephone company should be consolidated and reported in the primary accounts as defined in the uniform system of accounts.

	Balance		
Subaccount	FOY	Additions	
(b)	(c)	(d)	
2123.1	1,884		1
2123.2	5,573		_ 2
2212.1	103,094		3 A
2212.2	2,268,256	195,997	_ 4 A
2212.3	0		5
2215.1	0		_ 6
2215.2	0		7
2231.1	0		8
2231.2	0		9
2232.1	876,581	53,505	10 A
2232.2	0		11
2232.3	0		12
2421.1	10,263		13
2421.2	370,397	115	14 c
2422.1	92,296		15 c
2422.2	323,659		16 C
2423.1	863,947		17 c
2423.2	3,083,685	207,119	18 C
2424.1	0		 19
2424.2	0		20
2426.1	0		 21
2426.2	0		22
	(b) 2123.1 2123.2 2212.1 2212.2 2212.3 2215.1 2215.2 2231.1 2231.2 2232.1 2232.2 2232.3 2421.1 2421.2 2422.1 2422.2 2423.1 2423.2 2424.1 2424.2 2426.1	Subaccount (b)         FOY (c)           2123.1         1,884           2123.2         5,573           2212.1         103,094           2212.2         2,268,256           2212.3         0           2215.1         0           2215.2         0           2231.1         0           2232.2         0           2232.3         0           2421.1         10,263           2421.2         370,397           2422.1         92,296           2422.2         323,659           2423.1         863,947           2423.2         3,083,685           2424.1         0           2424.2         0           2424.1         0           2424.2         0           2426.1         0	Subaccount (b)         FOY (c)         Additions (d)           2123.1         1,884         2123.2         5,573           2212.1         103,094         2212.2         2,268,256         195,997           2212.3         0         2215.1         0         2215.2         0         2215.2         0         2231.1         0         2231.2         0         2231.2         0         2232.1         876,581         53,505         53,505         2232.2         0         2232.3         0         2421.1         10,263         2421.1         10,263         2421.2         370,397         115         15         2422.1         92,296         2422.2         323,659         2423.1         863,947         2423.2         3,083,685         207,119         2424.1         0         2424.2         0         2424.2         0         2424.2         0         2424.1         0         2424.2         0         2426.1         0         2426.1         0

Explain all amounts shown in column (g).

# TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANT IN SERVICE CLASS A & B (SUB-CLASS ACCOUNTS) (cont.)

Subaccount (e)	Retirements (f)	Transfers / Adjustments (g)	Balance EOY (h)	
2123.1	.,		1,884	1
2123.2			5,573	2
2212.1	46,872	97,017	153,239	3 A
2212.2		(275,746)	2,188,507	4 A,M
2212.3			0	5
2215.1			0	6
2215.2			0	7
2231.1			0	8
2231.2			0	9
2232.1	190,465	549,765	1,289,386	10 A
2232.2			0	11
2232.3			0	12
2421.1			10,263	13
2421.2	258	(8,377)	361,877	14 C
2422.1		25,102	117,398	15 C
2422.2	186	(19,445)	304,028	16 C
2423.1		2,626	866,573	17 C
2423.2	5,227	15,117	3,300,694	18 C
2424.1			0	19
2424.2			0	20
2426.1			0	21
2426.2			0	22

## **ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION CLASS A & B**

Primary Plant Account (a)	Acct (b)	Balance FOY (c)	Depr Rate (d)	Annual Accrual (e)	Additional Accrual (f)	
GENERAL SUPPORT ASSETS						
Motor Vehicles	2112	157,400	14.3	27,039		1F
Aircraft	2113	0				. 2
Special Purpose Vehicles	2114	0				3
Garage Work Equipment	2115	0				4
Other Work Equipment	2116	89,924	10.0	14,800		5
Buildings	2121	341,072	3.03	25,805		6
Furniture	2122	6,178	10.0	1,350		7
Office Equipment	2123	7,262	15.0	172		<b>8</b> B
General Purpose Computers	2124	60,275	25.0	8,107		9
Total GENERAL SUPPORT ASSETS		662,111		77,273	0	_
CENTRAL OFFICE ASSETS						
Analog Electronic Switching	2211	0				10
Digital Electronic Switching	2212	1,348,781	13.0	353,806		11B,M
Electro-Mechanical Switching	2215	0				12
Operator Systems	2220	0				13
Radio Systems	2231	0				14
Circuit Equipment	2232	475,397	12.5	93,651		15A
Total CENTRAL OFFICE ASSETS		1,824,178		447,457	0	_
INFORMATION ORIG/TERM ASSETS	3					
Station Apparatus	2311	0				16
Customer Premises Wiring	2321	0				17
Large Private Branch Exchanges	2341	0				18
Public Telephone Terminal Equipment	2351	0				19
Other Terminal Equipment	2362	0				20
TotalINFORMATION ORIG/TERM ASSET	ГЅ	0		0	0	•
CABLE WIRE FACILITIES ASSETS						-
Poles	2411	58,310	6.39	6,618		21
Aerial Cable	2421	320,599	5.22	22,119		22B,C
Underground Cable	2422	159,551	4.4	18,366		23B
Buried Cable	2423	1,757,970	5.3	211,625		<b>24</b> B,C
Submarine Cable	2424	0				25
Deep Sea Cable	2425	0				26
Intrabuilding Network Cable	2426	0				27
Aerial Wire	2431	5,804	20.0	(119)		<b>28</b> K

## **ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION CLASS A & B**

Primary Plant Account (a)	Acct (b)	Balance FOY (c)	Depr Rate (d)	Annual Accrual (e)	Additional Accrual (f)
CABLE WIRE FACILITIES ASSETS					
Conduit Systems	2441	217,489	3.5	26,000	29
Total CABLE WIRE FACILITIES ASSETS		2,519,723		284,609	0
Total Accumulated Depreciation	3100	5,006,012		809,339	0
Less: Allocation to Nonregulated Activity - Columns e, f and I	3100				30
Net Regulated Total Accum Depreciation Columns e, f and I	- 3100				

## ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION CLASS A & B (cont.)

	Balance EOY (I)	Other (k)	Salvage (j)	Cost of Removal (i)	Retired (h)	Acct (g)
1 F	184,439					2112
2	0					2113
3	0					2114
4	0					2115
5	67,907		13,960		50,777	2116
6	366,209				668	2121
7	7,528					2122
8 в	7,434				0	2123
9	68,382					2124
	701,899	0	13,960	0	51,445	
10	0					2211
 11 B,N	1,715,798	58,736	1,347		46,872	2212
12	0				0	2215
13	0					2220
14	0				0	2231
15 A	692,487	313,904			190,465	2232
	2,408,285	372,640	1,347	0	237,337	
16	0					2311
 17	0					2321
18	0					2341
19	0					2351
20	0					2362
	0	0	0	0	0	
21	63,607		5	559	767	2411
<b>22</b> B,0	325,608	(15,569)		1,283	258	2421
23 в	177,731	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		·	186	2422
<b>24</b> B,0	1,973,297	13,963		5,034	5,227	2423
25	0				0	2424
26	0					2425
27	0				0	2426
28 K	5,685					2431

## ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION CLASS A & B (cont.)

Acct (g)	Retired (h)	Cost of Removal (i)	Salvage (j)	Other (k)	Balance EOY (I)	
2441					243,489	29
	6,438	6,876	5	(1,606)	2,789,417	
3100	295,220	6,876	15,312	371,034	5,899,601	
3100						30
3100						

## **ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION CLASS A & B (SUB-CLASS ACCOUNTS)**

Where subclassifications of primary plant accounts are used, report below the accumulated depreciation details for each subaccount. Amounts pertaining to subaccount 2212.4, Test Equipment, should be reported in account 2212.2, Digital Switching - Central Office; amounts for subaccounts 2231.3, Microwave, 2231.4, Cellular, 2231.5, Mobile Radio, and 2231.6, Paging, should be included in 2231.2, Other Radio Facilities; amounts pertaining to subaccounts 2232.4, Digital Data Services, 2232.5, Digital Circuit - Subscriber, 2232.6, Digital Circuit - Trunk - Toll, and 2232.7, Concentrators, should be reported in 2232.1, Digital Circuit Equipment. Any other separate accounting for telephone accumulated depreciation at an individual telephone company should be consolidated and reported in the primary accounts as defined in the uniform system of accounts.

Plant Subaccount (a)	Subacct (b)	Balance FOY (c)	Depr Rate (d)	Annual Accrual (e)	Additional Accrual (f)	
Office Support Equipment	2123.1	1,689	10.0	172		1
Company Communications Equipment	2123.2	5,573	20.0			2
Software	2212.1	103,094	25.0	23,300		<b>3</b> A
Digital Switching - Central Office	2212.2	1,245,687	12.5	330,506		4 A,N
Digital Switching - Remote	2212.3	0				5
Step by Step Switching	2215.1	0				6
Crossbar Switching	2215.2	0				7
Satellite and Earth Station Facilities	2231.1	0				8
Other Radio Facilities	2231.2	0				9
Digital Circuit Equipment	2232.1	475,397	12.5	93,651		10 A
Analog Circuit Equipment	2232.2	0			•	11
Light Wave Circuit Equipment	2232.3	0				12
Aerial Cable - Nonmetallic	2421.1	2,911	5.0	514	•	13
Aerial Cable - Metallic	2421.2	317,688	5.26	21,605		14 C
Underground Cable - Nonmetallic	2422.1	17,368	4.1	3,861	•	15
Underground Cable - Metallic	2422.2	142,183	4.5	14,505		16
Buried Cable - Nonmetallic	2423.1	36,389	4.6	24,957	•	17
Buried Cable - Metallic	2423.2	1,721,581	5.5	186,668		18 C
Submarine Cable - Nonmetallic	2424.1	0				19
Submarine Cable - Metallic	2424.2	0			2	20
Intrabuilding Cable - Nonmetallic	2426.1	0				21
Intrabuilding Cable - Metallic	2426.2	0				22

## **ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION CLASS A & B (SUB-CLASS ACCOUNTS) (cont.)**

Subacct (g)	Retired (h)	Cost of Removal (i)	Salvage (j)	Other (k)	Balance EOY (I)	
2123.1					1,861	1
2123.2					5,573	2
2212.1	46,872			47,897	127,419	3 A
2212.2			1,347	10,839	1,588,379	4 A,M
2212.3					0	5
2215.1					0	6
2215.2					0	7
2231.1					0	8
2231.2					0	9
2232.1	190,465			313,904	692,487	10 A
2232.2					0	11
2232.3					0	12
2421.1					3,425	13
2421.2	258	1,283		(15,569)	322,183	14 C
2422.1					21,229	15
2422.2	186				156,502	16
2423.1					61,346	17
2423.2	5,227	5,034		13,963	1,911,951	18 C
2424.1					0	19
2424.2					0	20
2426.1					0	21
2426.2					0	22

## NET DEFERRED OPERATING INCOME TAXES (ACCT. 1350, 1410, 1437, 4100, 4340, 4341 & 4361)

This schedule should be used to report the deferred operating income tax portion of the stated accounts. Credit amounts should be shown in ( ).

Particulars (a)	Balance EOY (b)	
PROPERTY RELATED		_
Other Current Assets (1350)	22,439	1
Other Noncurrent Assets (1410)		2
Deferred Tax Regulatory Asset (1437)	(13,131)	3
Net Current Deferred Operating Income Taxes (4100)		4
Net Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes (4340)	(226,582)	 5
Net Deferred Tax Liability Adjustments (4341)	24,277	6
Deferred Tax Regulatory Liability (4361)	(21,977)	
Net Property Related Deferred Operating Income Taxes	(214,974)	
Less: Allocation to Nonregulated Activity	0	8
Net Regulated Total Property Related Deferred Operating Income Taxes	(214,974)	_
NONPROPERTY RELATED		
Other Current Assets (1350)		9
Other Noncurrent Assets (1410)		10
Deferred Tax Regulatory Asset (1437)		11
Net Current Deferred Operating Income Taxes (4100)		12
Net Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes (4340)		13
Net Deferred Tax Liability Adjustments (4341)		14
Deferred Tax Regulatory Liability (4361)		 15
Total Nonproperty Related Deferred Operating Income Taxes	0	

## **RETAINED EARNINGS (ACCT. 4550)**

Particulars (a)	This Year (b)	Last Year (c)	
Balance-First of Year	4,022,022	3,638,284	1
Changes:			
Balance Transferred from Income	827,757	540,338	2
Dividends Declared:			
Common	174,000	156,600	3
Preferred		0	4
Total Dividends Declared	174,000	156,600	
Miscellaneous Debits to Retained Earnings		0	5
Miscellaneous Credits to Retained Earnings		0	6
BalanceEnd of Year	4,675,779	4,022,022	

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## REVENUES - CLASS A & B (CLASS B USE ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED BY \*)

Particulars (a)	This Year (b)	Last Year (c)	
LOCAL NETWORK SERVICES R			
Basic Local Service Revenue (5000)*	883,013	827,414	1
Basic Area Revenue (5001)			_ 2
Optional Extended Area Revenue (5002)			3
Cellular Mobile Revenue (5003)			4
Other Mobile Services Revenue (5004)			5
Public Telephone Revenue (5010)			6
Local Private Line Revenue (5040)			7
Customer Premises Revenue (5050)			8
Other Local Exchange Revenue (5060)			9
Other Local Exchange Revenue Settlements (5069)			10
TOTAL BASIC LOCAL SERVICE REVENUE (5000)	883,013	827,414	
NETWORK INTERSTATE ACCESS SE	RVICES REV.		
End User Revenue (5081)*	193,903	187,558	11
Switched Access Revenue (5082)*	1,425,571	972,430	12
Special Access Revenue (5083)*	46,323	33,694	13
TOTAL INTERSTATE ACCESS REVENUES (5080)	1,665,797	1,193,682	
NETWORK INTRASTATE ACCESS SE	ERVICES REV.		
End User Revenue (5084.1)*			14
Switched Access Revenue (5084.2)*	508,629	499,526	15
Special Access Revenue (5084.3)*	36,437	46,238	16
TOTAL INTRASTATE ACCESS REVENUES (5084)	545,066	545,764	_
LONG DISTANCE NETWORK SERVICES	MESSAGE REV.		
Long Distance Message Revenue (5100)*	9,571	9,572	17
Long Distance Inward-Only Revenue (5111)			_ 18
Long Distance Outward-Only Revenue (5112)			19
Unidirectional Long Distance Revenue (5110) Long Distance Private Network Revenues Subvoice Grade Revenue (5121)	0	0	20
Voice Grade Revenue (5122)			 21
Audio Program Grade Revenue (5123)			22
Video Program Grade Revenue (5124)			23
Digital Transmission Revenue (5125)			24
Switching Revenue (5126)			
Other Revenue (5128)			26
Other Revenue Settlements (5129)			
Total Long Distance Private Network Revenue	0	0	
Other Long Distance Revenue (5160)	•	J	28
Other Long Distance Revenue Settlements (5169)			 29
TOTAL LONG DISTANCE NET. SERVICES MESSAGE REV.	9,571	9,572	_

## REVENUES - CLASS A & B (CLASS B USE ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED BY \*)

Particulars (a)	This Year (b)	Last Year (c)	
MISCELLANEOUS REVENU	JES		_
Directory Revenue (5230)*	116,323	111,484	30
Rent Revenue (5240)*	48,648	6,740	31
Corporate Operations Revenue (5250)*	0	0	32
Miscellaneous:			
Miscellaneous Revenue (5260)*	4,199	4,065	33
Special Billing Arrangements Revenue (5261)			34
Customer Operations Revenue (5262)			35
Plant Operations Revenue (5263)			36
Other Incidental Regulated Revenue (5264)			37
Other Revenue Settlements (5269)			38
Total Miscellaneous Revenue (5260)	4,199	4,065	
Interstate Billing and Collection Revenue*	102,211	111,245	39
Intrastate Billing and Collection Revenue*	36,995	35,065	40
Total Carrier Billing and Collection Revenue (5270)*	139,206	146,310	44
Nonregulated Operating Revenue (5280)**			41
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	308,376	268,599	
GROSS OPERATING REVENUES	3,411,823	2,845,031	
UNCOLLECTIBLE REVENU	IES		
Uncollectible Revenue (5300)*	4,166	10,866	42
Uncollectible RevenueTelecommunications (5301)			43
Uncollectible RevenueOther (5302)			44
TOTAL UNCOLLECTIBLE REVENUE (5300)	4,166	10,866	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	3,407,657	2,834,165	

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star\star}$  Account 5280 is to be used only by those companies subject to dual jurisdiction.

## **EXPENSES - CLASS A & B**

Particulars (a)	Total This Year (b)	Total Last Year (c)	
PLANT SPECIFIC OPERATIONS EXPENSE			-
Total Network Support Expense ( 6110 )	0	0	1
Less: Nonregulated	0	0	2
Net Regulated	0	0	3
Total General Support Expense ( 6120 )	50,322	49,016	4
Less: Nonregulated	0	0	5
Net Regulated	50,322	49,016	_ 6
Total Central Office Switching Expense ( 6210 )	79,583	100,188	7
Less: Nonregulated	0	0	8 G
Net Regulated	79,583	100,188	9
Total Operator Systems Expense ( 6220 )	0	0	10
Less: Nonregulated	0	0	11
Net Regulated	0	0	12
Total Central Office Transmission Expenses ( 6230 )	19,354	17,160	13
Less: Nonregulated	0	0	14
Net Regulated	19,354	17,160	_15
Total Information Orig. / Term. Expense ( 6310 )	0	0	16
Less: Nonregulated	0	0	17
Net Regulated	0	0	18
Total Cable and Wire Fac. Expense ( 6410 )	252,661	304,411	19
Less: Nonregulated	0	0	20
Net Regulated	252,661	304,411	21
TOTAL PLANT SPECIFIC OPERATIONS EXPENSE	401,920	470,775	
Less: Nonregulated	0	0	
Net Regulated	401,920	470,775	_
PLANT NONSPECIFIC OPERATIONS EXPENSE			
Total Other Property, Plant and Equip. Exp. (6510)	0	0	22
Less: Nonregulated		0	23
Net Regulated	0	0	_24
Total Network Operations Expense ( 6530 )	120,299	117,905	25
Less: Nonregulated	0	0	26
Net Regulated	120,299	117,905	_27
Access Expense ( 6540 )	24,739	13,654	28
Less: Nonregulated	0	0	<b>29</b> H
Net Regulated	24,739	13,654	_30
Total Depreciation and Amortization Expense (6560)	806,602	659,425	31
Less: Nonregulated	0	2,676	32 I
Net Regulated	806,602	656,749	_ 33
TOTAL PLANT NONSPECIFIC OPERATIONS EXP.	951,640	790,984	
Less: Nonregulated	0	2,676	
Net Regulated	951,640	788,308	_

### **EXPENSES - CLASS A & B**

Particulars (a)	Total This Year (b)	Total Last Year (c)	
CUSTOMER OPERATIONS EXPENSE			_
Total Marketing ( 6610 )	4,219	5,069	34
Less: Nonregulated	0	0	35
Net Regulated	4,219	5,069	36
Total Services ( 6620 )	346,728	321,499	37
Less: Nonregulated	0	0	38
Net Regulated	346,728	321,499	39
TOTAL CUSTOMER OPERATIONS EXPENSE	350,947	326,568	_
Less: Nonregulated	0	0	
Net Regulated	350,947	326,568	
CORPORATE OPERATIONS EXPENSE			
Total Exec. and Planning ( 6710 )	238,484	230,081	40
Less: Nonregulated	0	0	41
Net Regulated	238,484	230,081	42
Total General and Administrative ( 6720 )	322,009	245,054	43
Less: Nonregulated		0	44
Net Regulated	322,009	245,054	45
Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receiv. ( 6790 )	0	0	_ 46
Less: Nonregulated	0	0	47
Net Regulated	0	0	48
TOTAL CORPORATE OPERATIONS EXPENSE	560,493	475,135	_
Less: Nonregulated	0	0	
Net Regulated	560,493	475,135	
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,265,000	2,063,462	_
Less: Nonregulated	0	2,676	
Net Regulated	2,265,000	2,060,786	

### **EXPENSES - CLASS A & B (DETAIL)**

Particulars (a)	Total This Year (b)	Total Last Year (c)	
Property Held for Future Tele. Use Exp. (6511)	0	0	1
Provisioning Expense (6512)	0	0	2
Total: Reported in Account 6510	0	0	
Depreciat. ExpTele. Plant in Service ( 6561 )	806,602	659,425	3 I
Depreciat. ExpProp. Held for Future Tele. Use ( 6562 )	0	0	4
Amortization ExpenseTangible ( 6563 )	0	0	5
Amortization ExpenseIntangible ( 6564 )	0	0	6
Amortization ExpenseOther ( 6565 )	0	0	7
Total: Reported in Account 6560	806,602	659,425	

### CALCULATION OF ASSESSABLE REVENUES FOR REMAINDER AND TELEPHONE RELAY **ASSESSMENT PURPOSES**

Currently, cooperatives are not billed for remainder assessment, but are subject to the telephone relay assessment.

This Year	
(b)	
3,411,823	1
	2
	<sup>-</sup> 3
11,740	4
	_ 5
	6
	7
0	_ 8
	_
3,423,563	
	(b) 3,411,823 11,740

### CALCULATION OF ASSESSABLE REVENUES FOR UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND **ASSESSMENT PURPOSES**

Description(a)	This Year (b)	_
Total Basic Local Service Revenue (5000)	883,013	1
Plus: Total Intrastate Access Revenues (5084)	545,066	_ 2
Plus: Total Long Distance Network Services Revenue	9,571	3
Less: Out-of-State Operating Revenues (included in the above lines)		_ 4
Plus: Intrastate Payphone Revenues Plus (or Less) Other (please specify):		5
None	0	6
Assessable Revenues for Universal Service Fund Assessment Purposes	1,437,650	-

# CALCULATION OF ASSESSABLE REVENUES FOR REMAINDER AND TELEPHONE RELAY ASSESSMENT PURPOSES

Currently, cooperatives are not billed for remainder assessment, but are subject to the telephone relay assessment.

Description	This Year	
(a)	(b)	
Gross Operating Revenues	3,411,823	1
Plus: Collection of amounts previously written off		2
Less: Uncollectibles written off during the year		<sup>-</sup> 3
Plus: Total Other Operating Income and (Expense) (7100)	11,740	4
Less: Nonregulated Operating Revenue (included in Gross Oper. Rev. on Line 1)		5
Plus: Nonregulated Net Write Off Amount (included on lines 2 and 3)		6
Less: Out-of-State Operating Revenues (included in Gross Oper. Rev. on Line 1)		<sup>-</sup> 7
Plus (or Less) Other (please specify):		
None	0	_ 8
Assessable Revenues for Remainder and		-
Telephone Relay Assessment Purposes	3,423,563	

## CALCULATION OF ASSESSABLE REVENUES FOR UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND ASSESSMENT PURPOSES

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Plus: Intrastate Payphone Revenues Plus (or Less) Other (please specify):		5
None	0	6
Assessable Revenues for Universal Service Fund Assessment Purposes	1,437,650	-

### **OTHER INCOME ACCOUNTS**

Particulars (a)	This Year (b)	Last Year (c)	_
OTHER OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSE			•
Total Other Oper. Income and (Expense) (7100)	11,740	3,411	_ 1
OPERATING TAXES			
Operating Investment Tax CreditsNet (7210)	(26,802)	(26,802)	_ 2
Operating Federal Income Taxes (7220)	241,968	125,804	3
Operating State and Local Income Taxes (7230)	57,840	30,752	4
Operating Other Taxes (7240)	199,870	166,757	_ 5
Provision for Deferred Operating Income TaxesNet (7250)	19,872	24,219	6
TOTAL OPERATING TAXES (7200)	492,748	320,730	_
NONOPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSE			-
Dividend Income (7310)	7,391	11,500	7
Interest Income (7320)	1,762	2,004	8
Income from Sinking and Other Funds (7330)	0	0	9
Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (7340)	0	38,026	10
Gains or (Losses) from the Disposition of Certain Property (7350)	0	0	11
Other Nonoperating Income (7360)	471,441	344,393	12
Special Charges (7370)	2,384	3,980	13
TOTAL NONOPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSE (7300)	478,210	391,943	
NONOPERATING TAXES			-
Total Nonoperating Taxes (7400)	173,677	150,283	14
INTEREST AND RELATED ITEMS			
Total Interest and Related Items (7500)	174,424	183,264	15
EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS			
Extraordinary Items (7600)	0	0	16
NONREGULATED NET INCOME			
Nonregulated Net Income (7990)	35,999	25,882	_17

### **NONREGULATED ACTIVITIES**

List the type of nonregulated activities that the company is involved in.

## Nonregulated Activity

(a)	
Mobile radio sales	1
Provision of Internet services	2
Selling and leasing of customer premise equipment	3

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### **DISTRIBUTION OF SALARIES AND WAGES**

Description (a)	Amount (b)	
Regulated Expense	558,876	_ 1
All Other Accounts	217,060	2
Total Salaries and Wages	775,936	_ 3

### TELEPHONE CALLS AND MINUTES OF USE PER MONTH

Enter average number, in thousands, of calls and minutes of use per month. The averages may be based on actual counts taken periodically during the year. Please provide level of detail available.

Item (a)	Telephone Calls (000's) (b)	Minutes of Use (000's) (c)	_
LOCAL			
Intra-Exchange	545	668	_ 1
Extended Area Service	98	857	2
Extended Community Calling	19	223	3
Other Local-Undefined	0	0	4
Total Local	662	1,748	_
TOLL			_
Toll	204	1,801	_ 5
Total Toll	204	1,801	_
Total Local & Toll	866	3,549	

### **ACCESS USAGE**

Enter number, in thousands, of Billed Minutes.

	Billed Minutes (000's)				
Description (a)	Interstate InterLATA (b)	Intrastate InterLATA (c)	Intrastate IntraLATA (d)	Interstate IntraLATA (e)	
Feature Group A Orig.	0	0	0	0	_ 1
Feature Group A Term.	1	0	0	0	2
Feature Group B Orig.	0	0	0	0	_ 3
Feature Group B Term.	0	0	0	0	_ 4
Feature Group C Orig.	0	0	4	2,053	5
Feature Group C Term.	0	0	0	1,796	6
Feature Group D Orig.	2,674	3,349	118	879	7
Feature Group D Term.	6,516	4,220	0	0	8

### **OUTSIDE PLANT STATISTICS AT END OF YEAR**

Description of Item (a)	Amount (b)
Sheath miles of plant - fiber optics	62 1
Strand miles of plant - fiber optics	1,708 <b>2</b>
Route miles of plant - microwave	3

### SPECIAL ACCESS CIRCUITS IN USE AT END OF YEAR

Circuit Type (a)	InterLATA Chan. Terms. (b)	IntraLATA Chan. Terms. (c)	_
Voice grade	13	8	1
56 kbps	8	0	2 D
64 kbps (DS0)	1	0	3 D
1.54 Mbps (DS-1)	9	0	4 D
45 Mbps (DS-3)	0	0	<b>5</b> D
SONET OC-1			6
SONET OC-3			7
SONET OC-12			8
SONET OC-48		_	9
SONET OC-192			_10

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SONET OC-1			6
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### SERVICE DATA

Access Line--Central office line equipment, or equivalent, and all outside plant facilities, or equivalent, required to connect the serving central office with the customer premises via physical connection, frequency, and/or time slot. From an engineering perspective, a channel connection is at a DS0 level. A DS0 level is a 4 KHz voice or 64 Kilobits/second. Customer--A person who uses a telephone as a subscriber.

ltem (a)	FOY (b)	EOY (c)
Business		• •
1 Party	637	665
2 Party		
4 Party		
PBX Trunks/System Trunks		
Centrex Trunks	26	26
Centrex Lines		
Key System Trunks	165	188
Mobile (Utility Provided Service)		
Paging (Utility Provided Service)		
FX-Out (Switched)		
Pay Telephone	37	38
Coin-Operated Pay Telephone		
Independent Pay Telephone Provider	0	
Pay Stations - Public		
- Semi-Public		
- Cust. Owned		
Other		
Total Business Lines	865	917
Residential (Incl. Emp. Concess.)		
1 Party	3,324	3,426
2 Party		
4 Party		
FX-Out (Switched)		
Other	19	20
Total Residential Lines	3,343	3,446
Total Bus & Res Lines	4,208	4,363
Company Used Lines	21	21
Total Lines Used	4,229	4,384

### **SERVICE DATA (cont.)**

Access Line--Central office line equipment, or equivalent, and all outside plant facilities, or equivalent, required to connect the serving central office with the customer premises via physical connection, frequency, and/or time slot. From an engineering perspective, a channel connection is at a DS0 level. A DS0 level is a 4 KHz voice or 64 Kilobits/second. Customer--A person who uses a telephone as a subscriber.

Item (a)	FOY (b)	EOY (c)
Miscellaneous	(2)	(0)
WATS Lines - OutWATS		0
WATS Lines - 800 Service	4	4
FX-In-intraLATA		0
Special Access-intraLATA		
(expressed in equiv. access lines)	12	8
Special Access-interLATA		
(expressed in equiv. access lines)	171	238
Feature Group A Lines		
Feature Group B Trunks		
Feature Group C Trunks		
Feature Group D Trunks	1,346	1,416
TSPS - Trunks	16	16
EAS - Trunks	106	114
Cellular Trunks (Pub. Sw. Net.)	24	24
Video Distance Learning		
- discounted (special tariff)		
Customers		
Business - 2 Party Customers		
Business - 4 Party Customers		
Residential - 2 Party Customers		
Residential - 4 Party Customers		
Other		
Total Central Office, Info. Orig./Term., & Cable		
Wire Fac. Assets (based on physical location of plant)	0.040.055	0.440.00:
	8,816,298	9,446,881
Total Company Square Miles	389	389
Total Company Route Miles	553	562
Footnotes		

#### **SERVICE DATA - END OF YEAR**

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Item (a)	Exchange (b)	Exchange (c)	Exchange (d)	Exchange (e)
PSCW Exchange ID	0250	1880	3830	5040
Business				
1 Party	99	222	257	87
2 Party				
4 Party				
PBX Trunks/System Trunks				
Centrex Trunks	CONF	CONF	CONF	CONF
Centrex Lines				
Key System Trunks	15	65	96	12
Mobile (utility provided service)				
Paging (utility provided service)				
FX-Out (Switched)				
Pay Telephone	4	10	18	6
Coin-Operated Pay Telephone				
Independent Pay Telephone Provider				
Pay Stations - Public				
- Semi-Public				
- Cust. Owned				
Other				
Total Business Lines	118	297	397	105
Residential (Incl. Emp. Concess.)				
1 Party	687	957	1,136	646
2 Party				
4 Party				
FX-Out (Switched)				
Other	2	1	17	
Total Residential Lines	689	958	1,153	646
Total Bus & Res Lines	807	1,255	1,550	751
Company Used Lines	7	3	7	4
Total Lines Used	814	1,258	1,557	755

### **SERVICE DATA - END OF YEAR (cont.)**

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ltem (a)	Exchange (b)	Exchange (c)	Exchange (d)	Exchange (e)
PSCW Exchange ID	0250	1880	3830	5040
Miscellaneous				
WATS Lines - OutWATS	0			
WATS Lines - 800 Service	0		4	
FX-In-intraLATA	0			
Special Access-intraLATA				
(equiv. access lines)	1		5	2
Special Access-interLATA				
(equiv. access lines)	11	181	55	1
Feature Group A Lines				
Feature Group B Trunks				
Feature Group C Trunks				
Feature Group D Trunks	96	96	1,104	120
TSPS - Trunks			12	4
EAS - Trunks	72			42
Cellular Trunks (Pub. Sw. Net.)			24	
Video Distance Learning				
- discounted (special tariff)				
Customers				
Business - 2 Party Customers				
Business - 4 Party Customers				
Residential - 2 Party Customers				
Residential - 4 Party Customers				
Other				
Exchange C.O., Info. Orig./Term., & Cable				
Wire Fac. Assets (based on physical				
location of plant)	1,700,439	2,739,595	3,400,877	1,605,970
Exchange Square Miles	93	208	61	27
Exchange Route Miles	133	197	134	98
Footnotes				

#### **MANUFACTURER ABBREVIATIONS**

Use these abbreviations when completing the central office data schedule.

	Manufacturer Name (a)	Abbreviation (b)	
Alcatel		AL	1
ATTC		ATT	2
GTE		GTE	3
ITT		ITT	4
Lucent		ATT/LUC	5
Nippon Electric		NEC	6
Northern Telecom		NTI	7
Siemens		SI	8
Stromberg-Carlson		SC	9
VIDAR		VI	10

### **EQUIPMENT ABBREVIATIONS**

Use these abbreviations when completing the central office data schedule.

Equipment Type (a)		Abbreviation (b)	
Electromechanical		EM	1
ElectronicAnalog		Α	2
ElectronicDigital		D	3
ElectronicVideo		V	4

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### **CENTRAL OFFICE DATA - END OF YEAR**

When an exchange has more than one central office, data must be reported for each central office.

Description (a)	Central Off. (b)	Central Off. (c)	Central Off. (d)	Central Off. (e)
Exchange Name	AURORA	FLORENCE	NIAGARA	SPREAD EAGLE
PSCW Exchange ID	0250	1880	3830	5040
Central Office Name	AURORA	FLORENCE	NIAGARA	SPREAD EAGLE
PSCW Central Office ID	1	1	1	1
Manufacturer of COE (Page 54)	SC	SC	SC	SC
Year COE Installed	1998	1998	1983	1991
Type of Equipment (Page 54)	D	D	D	D
(S)tandalone, (H)ost, (R)emote	R	R	Н	S
Remote Host PSCW Exchange ID	3830	3830		
Remote Host PSCW Central Office ID	1	1		
COE Generic Software Release No.	21	21	21	21
SS7?	No	No	No	No
9-1-1?	No	No	Yes	No
Access Lines - In Use	823	1,331	1,577	889
- Equipped	1,248	1,785	2,436	1,224
- Wired	1,260	1,800	2,640	1,350
Trunks - In Use	96	96	1,140	168
- Equipped	144	96	1,342	232
- Wired	144	144	1,426	504
ISDN Available?	No	No	No	No
ISDN Lines - In Use (BRI)	0	0	0	0
- In Use (PRI)	0	0	0	0
Switched 56 Service?	No	No	No	No
Switched 56 lines in use	0	0	0	0
Digital Transmission Facilities: DS-1 - In Use	16	15	31	0
DS-3 - In Use	1	1	2	0
Advanced Data Service Available:				
Packet Switching?	No	No	No	No
SMDS?	No	No	No	No
Frame Relay?	No	No	No	No
ATM (Asynchronous Trans. Mode)?	No	No	No	No
Video Information - Service Available?	No	No	No	No
- In Use (# lines) <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0	0
Fiber Transmission Facilities:				
No. of fiber strands entering C.O.	32	16	96	16
No. of fiber strands working (LIT) in C.O.	8	4	36	0
No. of fiber strands for interoffice use	6	2	10	0
Miles of fiber sheath in wire center	14	8	40	0
Access Tandem Serving this C.O.:				
- C.O. Name	NIAGARA	NIAGARA	NIAGARA	NIAGARA
- PSCW C.O. ID	3830-01	3830-01	3830-01	3830-01
Does this C.O. do access tandem switching?	No	No	Yes	No
Equal Access: InterLATA (1+)?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Equal Access: IntraLATA (1+)?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Footnotes				•

<sup>1</sup> Teleco provided end-to-end facility.

### GENERAL, SCHEDULE LEVEL AND SCHEDULE LINE FOOTNOTES

#### **General Footnote**

Accountants Compilation Report

To the Board of Directors Niagara Telephone Company Niagara, Wisconsin 54151-0003

We have compiled the balance sheets of Niagara Telephone Company as of December 31, 1999 and 1998, and the related statements of income and retained earnings for the years then ended included in the accompanying prescribed form in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We have also compiled the supplementary information presented in the prescribed form, except for pages 47 through 55.

Our compilation was limited to presenting in the form prescribed by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the financial statements and supplementary information referred to above and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

These financial statements (including related disclosures) and the supplementary information are presented in accordance with the requirements of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, which differ from generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, these financial statements and supplementary information are not designed for those who are not informed about such differences.

The supplementary information contained on pages 47 through 55 of the accompanying prescribed form has not been audited, reviewed, or compiled by us, and, accordingly, we assume no responsibility for that information.

Madison, Wisconsin March 27, 2000

#### **Schedule Footnotes**

#### **Schedule Line Footnotes**

- A) Record transfers to appropriate plant accounts in 1999 (COE) and adjust recording of prior year retirements.
- B) Various depreciation rates are used within sub-class accounts. Approximate composite depreciation rate is given.
- C) Record transfers to appropriate plant accounts in 1999 (OSP).
- D) The reported amount of special access circuits is zero at EOY.
- E) The company is receiving receipts from RSA #3 and #4 for rental and usage of the Niagara fiber route.
- F) Vehicles are depreciated on a per unit basis.
- G) Decrease in labor charges in 1999.

### GENERAL, SCHEDULE LEVEL AND SCHEDULE LINE FOOTNOTES

- H) TEACH assessment began 9/98 and continued throughout 1999.
- 1) Depreciation expense was higher due to 1999 and late 1998 plant additions.
- J) Due to increase in payroll, accounting, and consulting charges in 1999.
- K) An entry was made in 1999 to correct overdepreciation.
- L) Higher revenue requirement from NECA due to increased expenses and plant investment factored into the Companys cost spearation calculations.
- M) Correction of prior year retirements.
- N) See footnote A.
- O) See footnote C.